



Newport Beach Public Library

In the 1920's a municipal library was formally established by City Council, with a Board of Library Trustees and budget of \$75 per month. The initial collection consisted of the former Ebell collection of more than 1,000 books and included the Encyclopaedia Britannica as the reference source.

By 2004 the annual Library budget had grown to \$4,901,439. The collection of 386,620 volumes is housed at a Central Library and three Branch Libraries.

System-wide services 2003-2004:

- Service population 80,800
- Active Borrowers 88,113
- Total Volumes 386,620
- Circulation 1,420,176
- Reference Questions 161,119
- Open Hours per week 71
- Attendance 861,301
- Public PC's 58
- Staff FTE 61.1

New services in 2004-2005:

- Email notification of pending due dates and reserves
- WiFi connectivity at all sites
- Laptop computers available for checkout for use within Central Library
- Open hold shelves for customer pickup
- Public internet training and Book A Librarian training

Central Library

- Opened on July 10, 1994
- 54,000 square feet
- Cost 8.2 million including \$2,000,000 by Foundation and \$727,000 by Library Services and Construction Act, Title II
- Site: 4 acres, Land exchange, City of NB with Irvine Company

Branch Libraries:

Mariners Branch

- Built in 1963
- 7,000 square feet

Balboa Branch

- Built in 1929
- 6,000 square feet

Corona del Mar Branch

- Built in 1959
- 3,795 square feet